

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

-vs-

AUSTIN MICHAEL HAUTH,
Defendant.

No. 2:25-CR-0008-SAB-1

ORDER SETTING PRETRIAL
DEADLINES AND TRIAL DATE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, as indicated below, the jury trial and pretrial conference in the above captioned matter have been scheduled before Judge Stanley A. Bastian. **Counsel for the defense shall notify the Defendant and ensure his attendance.**

1. All pretrial motions, including motions *in limine* and *Daubert* motions, shall be filed and served on or before **February 3, 2025**, and noted for hearing at the pretrial conference. Any response to a pretrial motion shall be filed and served in accordance with Local Rule 7.1.

2. **The Pretrial Conference is scheduled for February 20, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. by Video Conference.** The Court will provide the video call in information to counsel prior to the hearing. Counsel shall advise the Court regarding any dispositive change in the status of this case **at least five (5) days prior to the pretrial conference.**

3. All pretrial conferences are scheduled to last not more than **thirty (30) minutes**, with each side allotted **fifteen (15) minutes** to present their own motions and respond to motions filed by opposing counsel. If any party anticipates requiring longer than fifteen minutes, that party must notify the Courtroom Deputy at least **seven (7) days**

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1 prior to the hearing. **Any party who fails to provide this notice will be limited to fifteen**
2 **(15) minutes.**

3 4. If a party files any motion that requires an evidentiary hearing and/or requires
4 the Court to act as a finder of fact, that party must notify the Courtroom Deputy at **least**
5 **fourteen (14) days** prior to the hearing. The parties will coordinate with the Courtroom
6 Deputy to schedule an evidentiary hearing that provides enough time for the parties to
7 present evidence, including witness testimony and exhibits. If the parties anticipate
8 offering witness testimony, the parties shall file with the Court a witness list, together with
9 a brief summary of the proposed testimony, at least **seven (7) days** prior to the hearing. If
10 the parties anticipate offering or referring to exhibits during the hearing, the parties shall
11 file with the Court a binder of the proposed exhibits, pre-marked for identification, at least
12 **seven (7) days** prior to the hearing. The Government's exhibits shall be numbered 1 to
13 100; Defendant's exhibits shall be numbered 101 to 200. The parties are encouraged to file
14 their exhibits jointly, so that the Court may quickly refer to all exhibits in one place.

15 5. Any motion to continue the pre-trial conference or trial shall be filed at the
16 earliest practicable opportunity, but no later than **seven (7) days prior to said proceeding.**
17 Movant shall provide (1) specific and detailed reasons for the continuance to permit the
18 Court to make the necessary findings; (2) if applicable, Defendant's signed Speedy Trial
19 waiver; (3) the position of all co-Defendants and opposing counsel; and (4) the proposed
20 new date. Additionally, any motions filed after the pretrial motion deadline will be
21 considered at the pretrial conference.

22 6. Continuances are not granted absent good cause.

23 7. All motions to continue shall be in writing. The first motion to continue will
24 be considered by the Court and granted without a hearing if the other side does not oppose
25 the request. A waiver of the defendant's Speedy Trial rights shall accompany the motion.
26 Subsequent motions to continue will require a hearing. It is unlikely the Court will grant
27 more than two motions to continue.
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1 8. It is unlikely the Court will grant any motions to continue that are not in
2 writing or that are filed **less than 7 days** before the next hearing. In that case, counsel
3 should be prepared to proceed with the scheduled trial date.

4 9. A defendant on pretrial release should expect to be placed into custody
5 immediately after conviction or change of plea if the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2)
6 apply.

7 10. Trial briefs, proposed voir dire, jury instructions, verdict forms, exhibit lists,
8 expert witness lists, and summaries of expert testimony shall be filed and served by all
9 parties on or before **seven (7) calendar days prior to trial**. This does not modify the
10 parties' discovery obligations under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.

11 11. Under federal law, including Rule 5(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal
12 Procedure, *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and all applicable decisions from the
13 Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit interpreting *Brady*, the government has a continuing
14 obligation to produce all information or evidence known to the government relating to
15 guilt or punishment that might reasonably be considered favorable to the defendant's case,
16 even if the evidence is not admissible so long as it is reasonably likely to lead to
17 admissible evidence. *See United States v. Price*, 566 F.3d 900, 913 n.14 (9th Cir. 2009).
18 Accordingly, the Court **orders** the government to produce to the Defendant in a timely
19 manner all such information or evidence.

20 Information or evidence may be favorable to a Defendant's case if it either may help
21 bolster the Defendant's case or impeach a prosecutor's witness or other government
22 evidence. If doubt exists, it should be resolved in favor of the Defendant with full
23 disclosure being made.

24 If the government believes that a required disclosure would compromise witness
25 safety, victim rights, national security, a sensitive law-enforcement technique, or any other
26 substantial government interest, the government may apply to the Court for a modification
27 of the requirements of this Disclosure Order, which may include *in camera* review and/or
28 withholding or subjecting to a protective order all or part of the information.


1 This Order is entered under Rule 5(f) and does not relieve any party in this matter of
 2 any other discovery obligation. The consequences for violating either this Order or the
 3 government's obligations under *Brady* include, but are not limited to, the following:
 4 contempt, sanction, referral to a disciplinary authority, adverse jury instruction, exclusion
 5 of evidence, and dismissal of charges. Nothing in this Order enlarges or diminishes the
 6 government's obligation to disclose information and evidence to a defendant under *Brady*,
 7 as interpreted and applied under Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit precedent. As the
 8 Supreme Court noted, "the government violates the Constitution's Due Process Clause 'if
 9 it withholds evidence that is favorable to the defense and material to the defendant's guilt
 10 or punishment.'" *Turner v. United States*, 137 S. Ct. 1885, 1888 (2017) (quoting *Smith v.*
 11 *Cain*, 565 U.S. 73, 75 (2012)).

12 12. The Court utilizes JERS (Jury Evidence Recording System) to allow evidence
 13 admitted for a trial to be viewed electronically via touchscreen monitor in the jury
 14 deliberation room upon the conclusion of the trial. Please note that the jury will receive a
 15 verbatim copy of the JERS exhibit list. Review and follow the instructions on the public
 16 website within the Courtroom Support information for attorneys.

17 **13. The jury trial in this matter is scheduled for March 10, 2025 at the United**
 18 **States Courthouse in Seattle, Washington. Counsel shall appear in court for a Final**
 19 **Pretrial Conference at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of trial to address any pending**
 20 **pretrial matters. Jury selection shall begin at 9:00 a.m.**

21 The District Court Executive is hereby directed to enter this Order and furnish
 22 copies to counsel.

23 **DATED** this 21st day of January 2025.

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 25 Stanley A. Bastian
 26 U.S. District Judge
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